

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 13959

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PARM, UN  
SUBJ: SSOD: MILITARY EXPENDITURE REPORTING AND LIMITATION

REF: A) STATE 076583 B) BANGKOK 9308 C) STATE 097962

1. MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL INFORMED US MAY 16 THAT THE RTG HAS CONFIRMED THE ACCURACY OF THE DEFENSE EXPENDITURE INFORMATION REGARDING THAILAND IN BUDGET FIGURES BEING USED BY THE UN IN SSOD. BEYOND THAT, THAIS AT THIS POINT ARE NOT RPT NOT PREPARED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL, DETAILED INFORMATION ON THEIR DEFENSE BUDGET, NOR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FIELD TRIAL. OFFICIAL SAID THAT AT THIS POINT THE RTG IS UNCLEAR AS TO WHAT PRECISE INFORMATION ON THEIR DEFENSE BUDGET THE SSOD MIGHT WANT. HE ALSO NOTED THAT, DESPITE WILLINGNESS OF SOME DEVELOPED WESTERN COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FIELD TRIALS, THAI SOUNDINGS INDICATE THAT FEW OR NO DEVELOPING OR SOCIALIST COUNTRIES ARE READY TO PARTICIPATE. AS A RESULT, THAILAND WILL ALSO NOT AT THIS STAGE PARTICIPATE IN THE FIELD TRIALS.

2. COMMENT: WE DETECTED THAT DEFENSE MINISTRY RELUCTANCE MAY  
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BE AN ADDITIONAL REASON FOR RTG HESITANCE TO PARTICIPATE. THAIS ALSO, OBVIOUSLY, DO NOT WISH TO EXPOSE THEMSELVES AS THE ONLY OR ONE OF VERY FEW DEVELOPING COUNTRIES JOINING THE INDUSTRIALIZED WEST ON THIS DISARMAMENT PROJECT.  
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